

Major Isaac N. Cook, Paymaster in the Army, has been arrested for a heavy defalcation, amounting to 500,000.

Most of the money was lost in gambling. Simultaneous arrests of gamblers have been made in Cincinnati, Cairo, Chicago, Louisville and other places. About \$70,000 has been recovered at Cairo.

After these ceremonies, lasting about 14 hours, my companion addressed them, exhorting them to endeavor to meet the coming change in their condition as men and women, to inspire themselves with new energy, to be industrious and economical, and to cheerfully conform to all the rules and regulations that might be for a time necessary for their government, etc. Such a course would tend to encourage their well-wishers, and silence their detractors. He

Paris, 21st.—The *Moniteur* says some journals exaggerate the tendency of the course of France, then offering mediation in America, and entirely misunderstood its character. The *Moniteur* adds that the New-York *Courier des Etats Unis* of the 1st of November demonstrates that the overtures of France are disinterested and opportune, and careful of the rights and susceptibilities of the belligerents.

On Dec. 28, ship's drafts: Cutting, Hyman, from New York City, arrived at Liverpool, retained discharges having appeared a severe gale from N. E., Dec. 31, lat. 24.45 lon. 67.50; sea high with great violence for 48 hours; found ship leaky and pumps choked, rendering them useless. Jan. 1, gale still blowing with heavy rain, which washed decks fore and aft, carrying away bulwarks, sparre keel, rounded pump-well, and found the water increasing to 5 inches per hour, and the guns completely choked up with grain, knew overboard a portion of the cargo to lighten ship. Finding it impossible to proceed on the voyage, they ran up for port; took off from W. J. Jones, No. 12.